

Appln No. 09/194,664
Amdt. Dated March 15, 2005
Reply to Office Communication of 02/16/05
Docket No. RD-25654

Remarks/Arguments

Status of the Application:

The applicant continues the request for patent term adjustment for this application.

Status of the Drawings:

The Examiner has acknowledged that the drawing filed 01 December 1998 is accepted.

Status of the Priority:

The Examiner has acknowledged receipt of a certified copy of Russian Patent Application No. 96112649 filed 06 June 1996 for a priority under 35 USC 119(a)-(d). This application is a national stage application filed under 35 USC 371 based on PCT/US97/10673 having an International Filing Date of 19 June 1997.

Status of the Information Disclosure Statement:

The Examiner has acknowledged the timely submission of two Information Disclosure Statements filed 29 April 2003 and 01 December 1998.

Status of the Claims:

Claims 1 to 30 are pending in the application. Claims 25 to 30 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over each of Gegel et al., US 4,617,817, or Moore, US 3, 519,503. Claims 1 to 24 are allowed.

Claims 1, 4, 13, 16 and 17 have been amended to correct grammatical and typographical errors.

Claims 25 to 30 have been canceled. The application would now appear to be in condition for allowance for claims 1 to 24.

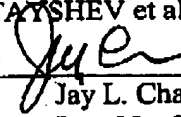
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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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